

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
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SECOND SESSION
LEGISLATIVE BILL 818
FINAL READING

Introduced by Schimek, 27

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Women's Health Initiative Advisory
2 Council; to amend section 71-702, Reissue Revised
3 Statutes of Nebraska; to clarify provisions; to change a
4 termination date; and to repeal the original section.
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-702, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 71-702. (1) The Women's Health Initiative Advisory
4 Council is created and shall consist of not more than thirty
5 members, at least three-fourths of whom are women. At least one
6 member shall be appointed from the following disciplines: (a) An
7 obstetrician/gynecologist; (b) a nurse practitioner or physician's
8 assistant from a rural community; (c) a geriatrics physician or
9 nurse; (d) a pediatrician; (e) a community public health
10 representative from each congressional district; (f) a health
11 educator; (g) an insurance industry representative; (h) a mental
12 health professional; (i) a representative from a statewide health
13 volunteer agency; (j) a private health care industry
14 representative; (k) an epidemiologist or a health statistician; (l)
15 a foundation representative; and (m) a woman who is a health care
16 consumer from each of the following age categories: Eighteen to
17 thirty; thirty-one to forty; forty-one to sixty-five; and sixty-six
18 and older. The membership shall also include a representative of
19 the University of Nebraska Medical Center, a representative from
20 Creighton University Medical Center, the executive director
21 of the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women or his or her
22 designee, the chief medical officer if one is appointed under
23 section 81-3201, and the Title V Director of the
24 Department of Health and Human Services.

25 (2) The Governor shall appoint advisory council members
26 and shall consider and attempt to balance representation based on
27 political party affiliation, race, and different geographical areas

1 of Nebraska when making appointments. The Governor shall appoint
2 the first chairperson and vice-chairperson of the advisory council.
3 There shall be two ex officio, nonvoting members from the
4 Legislature, one of which shall be the chairperson of the Health
5 and Human Services Committee.

6 (3) The terms of the initial members shall be as follows:
7 One-third shall serve for one-year terms, one-third shall serve for
8 two-year terms, and one-third shall serve for three-year terms
9 including the members designated chairperson and vice-chairperson.
10 Thereafter members shall serve for three-year terms. Members may
11 not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms.

12 (4) The Governor shall make the appointments within three
13 months after July 13, 2000.

14 (5) The advisory council shall meet quarterly the first
15 two years. After this time the advisory council shall meet at
16 least every six months or upon the call of the chairperson or a
17 majority of the voting members. A quorum shall be one-half of the
18 voting members.

19 (6) The members of the advisory council shall be
20 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in
21 sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 and pursuant to policies of the
22 advisory council. Funds for reimbursement for expenses shall be
23 from the Women's Health Initiative Fund.

24 (7) The advisory council shall advise the Women's Health
25 Initiative of Nebraska in carrying out its duties under section
26 71-701 and may solicit private funds to support the initiative.

27 (8) The advisory council terminates on December 31, 2009.

1 Sec. 2. Original section 71-702, Reissue Revised
2 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.